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## THE LATE SENATOR RUSK.

Eulogy delivered in the House of Representatives, Tuesday, January 19, 1858.

A message having been received from the Senate, communicating the proceedings in that body upon the death of the Hon. THOMAS J. RUSK, late senator from Texas,

Mr. REAGAN, of Texas, said: Mr. Speaker, the announcement just made of the death of General THOMAS J. RUSK, late a senator from the State of Texas, calls for another pause in the ordinary business of this House, and for the performance of our last solemn duty, as a body, to the memory of a great and good man.

Gen. Rusk was a native of the State of South Carolina, where he studied law, and commenced, in comparative obscurity, the great business of life. He subsequently removed to the State of Georgia, and, in 1835, to Texas, for the struggle for the independence and separate national existence of Texas had then begun, and that love of justice and of right—that manly courage and lofty patriotism which so distinguished his after-years—induced him at once to identify his fortunes with those of the brave spirits there who had learned, the value of freedom and equality, and had determined to meet the perils of war rather than submit to the loss of their civil and religious liberty.

It is not my purpose now to notice in detail the many historic events in the life of Gen. Rusk. This will be the pleasing duty of the historian. Nor is it my object to pronounce a formal eulogy upon his life and services. But I come to offer the grateful tribute of the brave and generous people he has so often commanded in battle, and so long, so ably, so faithfully served in the councils of the State and nation.

As commander of a volunteer company, he aided to Gen. Stephen A. Austin; as the first Secretary of War of the republic of Texas; as the first Chief Justice of the republic of Texas; as a member of the militia of the republic of Texas, charged with important duties, and clothed with large powers; as a member of the convention which formed the constitution of the republic of Texas; as a member of the Congress of the republic of Texas; as president of the convention which formed the constitution of the State of Texas; as a senator in the Congress of the United States; as an eminent and successful lawyer; as an unflinching and bold statesman, ever respecting the laws, their rights, and the government of his country; as a devoted husband and affectionate father—though he has fallen in the meridian of his manhood—he has filled the full measure of a citizen, a soldier, a patriot, a statesman, and hero, to whom the citizens of Texas will continue to point with pleasure and with pride as long as their hearts shall glow with the love of the brave, and the love of the pure and unspotted integrity, and exalted and unselfish patriotism.

General Rusk possessed a mind of uncommon clearness and strength, and a constitution and physical vigor, capable of great labor and endurance; a commanding and noble person; a pleasant and vivacious temperament; was fond of anecdote, and full of kindness and sympathy for the unfortunate of all grades and conditions. Indeed, his love of justice, and candor, and truth, and his sympathy for the weak, or oppressed, might be said to have been his most prominent characteristics. Always courteous and respectful to his equals, he was kind and condescending to his inferiors; often recognizing them, and hearing their mut, and contributing to their wants, under circumstances which showed that he regarded the true dignity of man as consisting rather in his moral condition than in his holding himself bound by the chains of ceremonial coldness which too often separate man from his fellow.

He fought gallantly the battles of his adopted country, and, while Secretary of War, beyond the ordinary duties of that station, he bore a most distinguished part in the glorious field of San Jacinto, and added to the roll of names of free republican States, and to the southern horizon with the star of liberty, which once floated in lone and solitary grandeur over the broad and beautiful plains of Texas; but which now, inwreathed with the oak and the olive, beams with undiminished lustre and the grand arrow of civilization in the dome above us, representing at once the separate sovereignty and the national unity of the American States.

Though he occupied many important stations, and though much of his life was spent in the discharge of official duty, he was fond of the retirement and quietude of private life, and generally shunned national occasions in his life. This was illustrated on several occasions in his life. He was urged on more than one occasion to accept the presidency of the republic of Texas, but uniformly declined. And at the time of the last presidential election there I was informed that both of the distinguished men who were candidates for that office, before their nomination, urged General Rusk to accept the position, and neither of them would have opposed him. But, when the presidency was thus at his command, without opposition, he declined to accept it. He refused the use of his name for the vice presidency of the United States, and has repeatedly discouraged the mention of his name for the presidency.

As a soldier, he was brave and self-reliant; as an officer, he was cautious and calculating; always ready to expose his own person to danger, but never rashly exposing his men.

As a statesman, he looked to a strict construction of the federal constitution and the preservation of the rights of the States, as the surest way, the only means of maintaining the permanency of the Union, and the safety of the States, and the liberties of the people, in the spirit in which these blessings were secured to us by our revolutionary fathers. And while he looked proudly on our past history, and on the extraordinary growth and progress of our common country in physical science, the arts, agriculture, and commerce; our advancement in moral science, in religion, in laws, in good government, and in all that tends to the civilization and improvement of his country and his race; yet, as I learned from him but a few weeks before his death, he looked with fearful apprehension to the continued and alarming agitation of the question of slavery, as a nation so blessed with all the elements of happiness and prosperity as our own. He also condemned, with much earnestness, the new social theories and religious fanaticisms which have obtained a limited foothold in parts of our country, as being full of delusion and of danger; and, as an evidence that he had rightly estimated their impotence, some of his bitter truths are now upon the country.

But, alas! with all his wisdom, with all his meekness, with all his goodness, with all his honor, with all the devotion of a confiding constituency, he is gone—gone from the family hearthstone, from the domestic and social circles; no more to wave his proud plume in advance of his comrades-in-arms; no more to draw his sword in defence of liberty; no more to offer his wise counsels for the good of the nation; no more to offer the willing hand of charity to the needy; no more to offer consolation to the distressed; no more to offer kind and encouraging counsel to the young and deserving. The scenes of earth have closed upon him. And while we mourn his death, we doubly mourn his manner. It is true, he fell by his own hand; but that hand was not moved by the natural impulses of his upright, generous heart, or guided by that reason and consciousness which had so long distinguished him for his prudence and moderation.

A severe domestic bereavement—the loss of the wife who was the cherished idol of his early manhood, and the guiding star of his after-life; who, in prosperity and in adversity, in sickness and in health, under all the varied fortunes of life, had clung to him with a constant and unvarying devotion, had, by the insupportable hand of Providence, been taken from him. To this we add the many cruel and perplexing trials which he had borne upon him. And to these was added a disease which, it was thought, may have affected his spine and brain. And these combined causes, operating upon his kindly sensitive mental organization, it is believed, caused his reason to give way, and his struggling soul, unguided by consciousness, sought peace in death.

As the purity of his heart, the guidance and moderation of his life, the extraordinary inducements he had to desire a continuance of life, and the absence of any known inducement to desire his own destruction, excite the idea that he could have been conscious of the manner of his death, so they leave us room to hope and believe he

[No. 583.]

By the President of the United States.

In pursuance of law, I, JAMES BUCHANAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby declare and order that public sale will be held at the undersigned land office in the State of Iowa, at the periods hereinafter designated, to wit:

At the land office at Oauek, commencing on Monday, the seventh day of June next, for the disposal of the public lands, heretofore unsold, situated within the following named townships, viz:

North of the base line and west of the fifth principal meridian.

Township 100, of range 22.

Township 99, of range 22.

At the land office at Fort Dodge, commencing on Monday, the fourth day of June next, for the disposal of the public lands, heretofore unsold, situated within the following named townships and parts of townships, viz:

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